


REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed on March 22, 2005, applicants request a one month extension of the due date for which a response to the office action is due and select for examination without traverse claims to species 1 comprising a bracing body without a foil, claims to subspecies 1 using a vacuum for attaching and attracting skin and claims to sub-subspecies 4, in which the skin is stimulated using ultrasound. The claims corresponding to the selection, including the generic claim, are method claims: 1, 12, 13, 20-22 and apparatus claims 31, 36, 37 and 43.

Applicants point out that 1449 forms were filed on November 9, 2001, together with copies of the cited art. The forms, initialed by the Examiner, were never received in return. Applicants are resubmitting the forms again and respectfully request that the references listed thereon be initialed by the Examiner, and returned with the next office action.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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